

YOU'RE BOUND TO FIND IT.

When everything is going wrong,
And nothing goes to suit you,
When men, instead of shaking hands,

A TRIUMPH.

BY WATSON GRAY.

It is a great thing to be a hero; the
proverb of no man holding an estimable
position in the eyes of his valet, may or
may not be true; I can't say, as I never

had one, the nearest approach to any-
thing of the kind being our old black
nurse, Dinah; and, as far as she was
concerned, I can't flatter myself that

my grandfathers was a stern old man;
even at this distance of time, I seem to
hear, with undimmed awe, his deep-toned

in conjunction with some other
young aspirants for dramatic fame
residing in the vicinity, we had pitched on

At length came the long looked for
day, bringing a short respite from
scholastic horrors. To us, who, proud

Thinking it would be better to
ascertain the effect of this my-
self, before relying on it as a certain

It is needless to say I did not hasten
my fate. But alas! too few moments
elapsed before my aching shoulders and

Modily, with red eyes, and a general
feeling of blueiness, I went out to ac-
quaint friend Ote of the abrupt exting-

upon, but still smarting under the vig-
orous infliction of the morning, I took
my way back to the house.

The Nest, for such was the quaint
name our house was known by, was
situated on the rise of a hill, around

Ha! a thought! My mind saw but
one slender chance of saving the old
man, but at all risks that should be

With a hurried negative I passed on,
but not without hearing the deep under-
tone of the latter man pour forth a

At the time I did not pay much at-
tention to the speech, as I had an un-
definable longing to place a greater dis-

It appears that during my absence he
had discovered some fancied error
made by the bank officials, and was in a

Our household was a small one, con-
sisting of my aforementioned old black
nurse, who, with a young girl, com-

Having commenced the dress re-
hearsal, inclination and duty rendered
it incumbent on me to go through with

To heighten the horrible and impress
my audience with a due respect for the
ghastly aspect of the apparition, I had

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Now whether the drama had made
me drowsy (some possess that faculty
to a remarkable degree) or whether my

Dreadily puzzled, but not sufficiently
awakened to give the matter much
thought, I was returning to the land of

For a moment or so all was still, un-
til the windows of the slightly built
frame house trembled, as though some

In an intensity of excitement, with
the perspiration rolling off my brow, I
breathlessly waited to hear what would

"Finish him, Ike, if he tries that on
again!"

In a moment all was clear to me.
Those men whom I had met were some
desperadoes, who, hearing of my grand-

They had been reconnoitering this
morning and doubtless their pretended
bags of pictures were filled with tools.

What could be done? Tortured and
agitated with thoughts like these, an
eternity of pain appeared to drag its

Once found, it needed but a moment
to cover my face with it. Then pass-
ing my hand over the breast of the old

With a silent prayer for the success
of my scheme, I tremblingly tiptoed
down the flight of stairs which separ-

Bending over him, with the horny
knuckles of his hand buried deep in
my grandfathers throat, stood the big-

The giant form of the burglar stand-
ing over him looked like some evil
spirit of legendary lore, while the fan-

The time for action had arrived.
Moving stealthily forward into the
center of the room, where the pale moon-

I cannot describe the scene that en-
sued. Surprised at the strange voice,
the men turned simultaneously. Lan-

This was but for a moment. With a
spring like that of a wildcat on his
prey, the would-be robber who was

When I reopened my eyes I was in
the arms of my grandfather who was
tenderly nursing me, while the gray

Up to the time of my grandfathers
death he always insisted upon the ob-
servance of the anniversary of the

I have little to add, save to record
the fate of the two villains. They
were captured some months afterward

And this, reader, is how I became a
hero.

Waiting for a Cue.

Guest (in hotel bedroom, shivering)
—Cold as all out-doors! I want a fire.

Porter (opening a window)—Yes,
sah; bettah air the room, sah; awful

"Why, I'll freeze with that up. Wool!

"Yes, sah, right away, sah. There,
sah. Perhaps this other window hasn't

"Great snakes! Wool! Put it down.
I want a fire I tell you. I'm half fro-

"Yes, sah. Pretty cold heah, sah,
but not half so cold as in Dakota. I

"Hang Dakota. Why don't you get
some coal?"

"Yes, sah, right away, sah. Ever in
Montana, sah? I spent one winter in

Mr. Lee's Retentive Memory.

The imitative and retentive powers of
the Chinese mind have long been pro-
verbial, and they are but rarely ques-

To carry out her plan of teaching
English in object lessons Mrs. Brownlie
took young Lee out to the Zoological

"Yes, Lelephant. He heah big."
"This is a camel from Arabia. He
can go many days without water."

"Here is a monkey. The monkey
lives in a tree and swings by his tail."

"And this is a cow. She is tame and
gives milk; and this is a hen. The hen

"Now, Ying, she began, "can you
tell me what the elephant is?"

After a moment of reflection, Ying
replied, with a thoughtful air: "Lele-

Mrs. Brownlie kindly corrected Ying's
erroneous impressions about the ele-
phant, and started anew with her cate-

"You know what a cow is, don't you,
Ying?"

"He-he-he gif eggs and swim water?"
was the halting query of the Chinaman.

"Do you remember Mr. Byrne?"
"O! yes. We know him. He come

"The hen, Ying. Do you remember
what I told you about the hen?"

"I know him. He heah big, gif milk.
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the difficulties of transport has been
surmounted and cheaper oil is available,
it is destined to be a formidable rival of

Came Down a Few Pegs.
One morning, scarcely a fortnight
after Gen. Jackson's arrival at the

"We have had a hard time of it,"
said he, "in our little place; but our ex-

"Oh, no matter for that, sir," said he;
"I did it with pleasure—I did it for

"Well, no matter for that; I shall be
satisfied with an embassy to Europe."

"I am sorry to say there is no va-
cancy."

"These are generally appointed by
the respective Secretaries."

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ODD, QUEER AND CURIOUS.

An autopsy on a Wisconsin man a few
days ago revealed five jack-knives in his
stomach.

A FARM near Macduff, Scotland, has
been handed down from father to son
for 300 years.

It is reported that a floating island
300 yards in diameter has been found in
Honey Lake, Idaho.

There is a young lady in Virginia
who can write two love letters at once—
one with each hand.

A THIRTY Ohio girl sold a batch of
old love letters to the ragman last week.
She realized 30 cents, which, she de-

The giant diamond, lately discovered
in Cape Colony, weighs 180 carats and
is valued at \$3,000,000. It is said to be

A SOUTH CAROLINA man who was
curious to know just how much stuff an
alligator could get away with when he

CAIRO has a grocer named Tyler, and
the first question he asks of a would-be
purchaser is: "Do you snore?" If the

When the Seminole Indians of Florida
elect a chief they choose the biggest
fighter and most successful hunter of

A HORSE employed in a lumber mill
at Guerneville, Cal., for the last twelve
years, to haul away the sawdust, has

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